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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
 OAKLAND DIVISION

MUHAMMAD RAGHIB HUSSAIN,

Plaintiff,

v.

PETER KEISLER, Acting Attorney General of  
 the United States; MICHAEL CHERTOFF,  
 Secretary of the Department of Homeland  
 Security; EMILIO GONZALES, Director of  
 United States Citizenship and Immigration  
 Services; ROBERT MUELLER, Director of the  
 Federal Bureau of Investigations; CHRISTINA  
 POULOS, Director of the USCIS California  
 Service Center,

Defendants.

No. C 07-5444 SBA

**PARTIES' JOINT REQUEST TO BE  
 EXEMPT FROM FORMAL ADR  
 PROCESS**

Each of the undersigned certifies that he or she has read either the handbook entitled "Dispute Resolution Procedures in the Northern District of California," or the specified portions of the ADR Unit's Internet site <[www.adr.cand.uscourts.gov](http://www.adr.cand.uscourts.gov)>, discussed the available dispute resolution options provided by the court and private entities, and considered whether this case might benefit from any of them.

Here, the parties agree that referral to a formal ADR process will not be beneficial because this action is limited to plaintiff's request that this Court compel defendants to adjudicate the

1 application for naturalization. Defendants have already requested the FBI expedite the name check  
2 so that the application may be processed as soon as possible. Given the substance of the action  
3 and the lack of any potential middle ground, ADR will only serve to multiply the proceedings and  
4 unnecessarily tax court resources.

5 Accordingly, pursuant to ADR L.R. 3-3(c), the parties request the case be removed from the  
6 ADR Multi-Option Program and that they be excused from participating in the ADR phone  
7 conference and any further formal ADR process.

8 Dated: January 25, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

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16 Date: January 25, 2008

/s/  
17 ROBERT L. VOLZ  
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18 **ORDER**

19 Pursuant to stipulation, IT IS SO ORDERED.

20 Date:

21 SAUNDRA B. ARMSTRONG  
22 United States District Judge  
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